

RUSSIA STRIVING FOR THE GREATEST COUP OF WAR AGAINST GERMANS IN POLAND

**Tremendous Enveloping Movement Begins
With von Hindenberg's Whole Force As
Object of Attack--Turkish Transport Fleet
Sunk In Black Sea With Big Loss of Life**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
PETROGRAD, January 17.—An enveloping movement upon a gigantic scale is being worked out by the Russian commander-in-chief in Poland, if the ideas of the strategists here correctly interpret the movements now under way on both the north and south borders of Poland. If the movement develops as is anticipated, the main Austro-German forces, operating against Warsaw will either have to be hastily withdrawn or will be surrounded, in either event terminating the present German aggressive on Russian territory and opening the way for the main invasion of Eastern Germany.

ADVANCE ON BOTH WINGS

Along the Lower Vistula, which marks the border of Southern Russian Poland, a great army is advancing, reinforcing the army which had previously forced the passage of the Nida and which is driving the Austrians back upon Cracow. This reinforced army is said to include more than a million men, the majority of whom are fresh.

Along the Northern Polish line from Mlawa, on the East Prussian border, another Russian force is forging westward. This force has already driven the Germans back some thirty miles west from Mlawa, while the Russian right in this territory is protected from any flanking movements from the direction of Allenstein or Neidenburg by strongly entrenched forces along the border. The East Prussian Germans are also threatened by the Russian army operating in the Mazurian Lake region, which is slowly advancing over the frozen swamps.

THREATEN WHOLE GERMAN FORCE

These two great forward movements, with the Russian center holding firm, threaten the entire German and Austrian force operating in Poland.

The German attacks upon the center appear to have ceased, all attempts to seriously break through the Russian lines having failed.

TRANSPORT FLEET SUNK

Yesterday's official reports tell of a tremendous loss inflicted upon the Turks by the Russian Black Sea fleet, which sunk eight transports loaded with troops, being taken to Anapolia.

CARRANZA'S DEATH GRAPPLE WITH GUTIERREZ NEAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, January 17.—Advises received from various points on the Mexican border seem to indicate that the situation in Mexico has now resolved itself into a struggle for supremacy between the factions supporting Carranza and those supporting Gutierrez, all other leaders having apparently arrayed themselves on one side or the other.

From Vera Cruz comes a report that Carranza has sent a personal telegram to Provisional President Gutierrez giving him to understand that any Gutierrez commissioners sent to treat with Carranza at Vera Cruz will be promptly executed.

Vera Cruz announces that the Carranza forces have retaken Guadalupe, and it is further reported they have captured San Luis Potosi.

Advises last night from San Antonio said that a large Villa army was approaching Nuevo Laredo. The Carranza garrison of the town is preparing to evacuate. Hundreds of the townpeople have already crossed the international bridge into Laredo, Texas, for safety.

Telegrams from El Paso last night announce the arrival of travelers from Southern Mexico, who report that Villa, with his army, is preparing to evacuate Aguas Calientes and return to Mexico City, abandoning his east coast campaign against Carranza.

PRESIDENT TO SEE TANKER LAUNCHED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

SAN FRANCISCO, January 17.—The oil tanker Maumaco, being built here for the navy department, is practically ready for launching, but will not be put into the water until the arrival of the President and Secretary Daniels, who will be asked to officiate at the launching.

INVESTIGATE HIGH PRICES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, January 16.—The President has directed Attorney General Gregory to investigate the question whether there has been any violation of the law in the phenomenal rise in the prices of wheat and flour.

FAIRCHILD OPPOSED TO IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE

George H. Fairchild, who appeared before the senate committee hearing argument on the Jones Bill, representing the sugar interests of the Philippines, said he believed the Filipinos should be allowed to exercise their own preference on the immigration question. Immediate withdrawal of the United States from the islands would be disastrous, he thought.

ITALY IS STILL RACKED BY EARTHQUAKES ROLL OF DEAD SHOWS AN AWFUL TOTAL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

ROME, January 17.—Terror continues to reign through a large part of the stricken sections of Italy because of the continuation of the earthquake shocks, which, while not severe, are yet sufficient to bring down buildings already shaken into insecurity by the great quake of last week. In the Abruzzi district, where the people are living in the fields, afraid to approach any buildings, there have been ninety-eight distinct shocks during the past twenty-four hours, the tremors being almost incessant.

FIRST REPORTS CONFIRMED

As communications are being reestablished and it is possible to obtain some comprehensive idea of the magnitude of the earthquake and the damage left in its train, it is becoming definitely known that the first alarming reports have not been greatly exaggerated. The roll of the dead in the towns which suffered most five thousand and killed in Avezzano, five thousand in Pescara, four thousand in Celano, twenty-four hundred in Gushino, one thousand in Marsi, one thousand in Sarnano, six hundred and fifty in San Rellino and two hundred in Pescara, a total of nearly twenty-five thousand in the eight cities alone.

Throughout the rural districts the destruction has been very large and in scores of hamlets and villages it is feared that a very small proportion of the people escaped death or injury.

The total casualties, killed and injured, it is now thought cannot fall below one hundred thousand.

AMERICAN EMBASSY REPORT

Where the shocks were the most severe, the percentage of mortality has been even greater than resulted from the Messina catastrophe.

Col. George Dana, the American military attaché, who has made a special trip to the Avezzano district, says: "Every house in Avezzano is down. Only three small remains intact. Churches, palaces, dwellings are crushed to dust. The streets are filled with debris seven feet deep."

"Floods, famine and intense cold add to the suffering. Relief measures are being taken with all possible speed but communications were so shattered by the shock that it is difficult to handle the problem of food and hospital arrangements."

GUNBOAT IS DAMAGED

VENICE, January 17.—It is reported that the Italian gunboat Contini has been damaged in the Adriatic by being washed ashore by a tidal wave during the recent earthquake. No details are available.

PRESIDENT CABLES SYMPATHY

WASHINGTON, January 17.—President Wilson yesterday sent a message of sympathy to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, expressing the sorrow of America at the catastrophe which has overtaken Italy.

ON THE TRAIL OF THE KNOCKER

**Hilo Men Find One In Rooms of
Promotion Committee—
Maui Has a Name**

The community at Hilo is up in arms at what it terms the "knocking" of its scenic attractions by people in Honolulu whose every endeavor should be to exploit all the advantages, afforded by the trip to the Big Island as well as points of interest on other islands. The Hilo people have expressed themselves in no uncertain terms, and have mentioned names and places.

At the annual dinner of the Hilo Board of Trade last Tuesday night, George H. Vickers, manager of the Hilo Emporium, delivered a speech in which he brought up the proposition of Hilo supporting its own promotion man. He said that as the promotion work is handled at present in Honolulu the proposition appeared to be useless to Hilo. He also said that he knew from personal experience that "knocking" was being done in Honolulu. The Hilo and volcano trips had been "knocked" to his personal knowledge, and he thought something should be done about this matter.

Ministerial Backing

Rev. George Laughton backed up Mr. Vickers' statements, and made a serious charge against the Honolulu Promotion Committee's officials in Honolulu. He declared that a friend of his had been told by three different people in the promotion committee rooms in Honolulu that to take the Halekani or Ki-haua trips would be a sad experience that would be dangerous.

This friend of Mr. Laughton's was also advised not to visit Hilo as it rained all the time in that city. Mr. Laughton stated he was ready to meet the officers of the promotion committee and tell them the same story to their faces. This story is published in full in the Hawaii Herald.

Maui Also Has Facts

Right on top of this serious complaint, comes an editorial in the Maui News, which attacks another class of "knockers" in Honolulu, and shows how the work is done. It accuses Honolulu hotel men and a ticket agent of discouraging island travel by advising intending travelers against making these trips, and by careless, negligent and indifferent treatment of ticket purchasers who have resolved to discount the unfavorable stories.

One complaint made is not well founded. That is that \$3.50 extra was charged a traveler, who makes the office accusations, for a stop-over privilege at Maui. The Public Utilities Commission investigated this matter a short time ago and decided that this charge is just, reasonable and proper, as the steamship company is required to renew the bedding, linen and towels in a cabin each time it is occupied. The public naturally demand this, and the extra charge is made for this reason only.

The editorial in the Maui News says:

Really Has a Knocker

"We didn't believe it, but we have had positive, definite evidence during the last week which we can't get away from—that Honolulu has at least one bona-fide, deliberate 'knocker.' He is the manager of a leading Honolulu hotel, and is said to have never been on any other island except Oahu. According to this tourist, who told a very detailed story, in the presence of witnesses, this hotel man strongly urged him not to visit the volcano or Halekani—that they weren't worth seeing, the trip was hard, etc., etc. This traveler further stated that the Inter-Island and booking clerk in Honolulu showed mighty little interest in Maui when he bought his ticket for the volcano. In fact was quite discouraging in his manner, and when pressed nevertheless for a stop-over ticket, charged \$3.50 extra for the privilege. This gentleman was so pleased with his visit here, that he was moved to express his surprise at what he characterized the peculiar attitude of the Honolulu people."

"This is not an imaginary story. If the promotion committee and Ad Club are interested they can be supplied with names."

PRIMA DONNA RECOVERING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

SAN DIEGO, January 16.—Mrs. Schuman-Heink is recovering from her attack of bronchial pneumonia, but the great prima donna will not be able to sing for a year.

JULIUS ASCH DIES OF HEART FAILURE

**His Laid-off and Well Known Citizen
Passes Away After a
Brief Illness**



THE LATE JULIUS ASCH

(From Sunday Advertiser.)

Surrounded by members of his family, Julius Asch died at seven o'clock last night of heart failure at the Kaplan Sanatorium Annex at Beretania street after an illness of about ten days. When it was seen that he was failing last night the members of the family were notified, and he passed away with all his immediate relatives at the bedside, excepting his son Paul J. Asch, who is in Honolulu.

Asch Married by Sheriff

Many kind words were spoken yesterday by Honolulu folk who have known the deceased during his many years of residence in Hawaii. Sheriff Charles H. Rose, in whose department he served, said last night:

"Julius Asch was a splendid character and a fine type of public servant. He was faithful in the performance of his duties, thoroughly reliable, loyal to his superiors and had the liking and respect of his subordinates. The country lost a valuable employe by his death. The police department has lost a good officer."

Julius Asch was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, March 14, 1878. He went to sea, and while in the whaler Jaws was shipwrecked in the Atlantic ocean. He came to Honolulu in the schooner Leila, with Captain Decker, arriving here thirty-seven years ago. He married Miss Mary Singer, eldest daughter of Mrs. Katherine Singer, November 26, 1879.

Held Many Positions

For about a year and a half Mr. Asch was employed by the Henry Brunns cooperative in Fort Street, and then for twenty-eight years he was foreman of J. A. Honner's planing mill.

During the uprising of 1887 he was first lieutenant of Company A, Honolulu Rifles, and was stationed with his company in the tower of Kawaiahae Church.

He was elected chief engineer of the Honolulu fire department twenty-three years ago, and was the last volunteer chief of the department.

In 1909, when the county and territorial jails were separated, Mr. Asch was appointed jailer of the Honolulu county jail, and held this position until he died.

In 1900, Mr. Asch was a delegate to the Democratic convention. He took a prominent part in local Democratic politics throughout his long residence in Hawaii. In 1904 he was again elected a delegate to the Democratic National convention.

Numerous Family Survives

He leaves a numerous family, consisting of the widow, five sons, two daughters and three grandchildren. They are Julius W. Asch, deputy sheriff of Honolulu, who married Antonette R. Blacksted of Waimea, Kauai, in 1901; Harry A. Asch, receiving teller of the Bank of Hawaii; Paul J. Asch, who married Miss Todd of Honolulu, June 17, 1910; and the Panama-Pacific Exposition, now in San Francisco with his wife, his son Fred and his daughter Renney; Fred Shauer, wife of Frank H. Shauer, and their daughter, Mary Shauer; Margaret M. Asch, aged fourteen; James A. Asch, aged fourteen; and Clarence A. Asch, aged eleven years.

POLICE FAIL TO FIND STOLEN CAR

**Next Thief Will Probably Make
Off With a City Block
—Just As Easy**

Intuited probably with the idea that because a burglar could break into the offices of Alexander & Baldwin and escape detection by the police, some other thief has conceived the idea that he could steal the automobile owned by John G. Gault, secretary of Alexander & Baldwin, and make an equally successful getaway. So far he has been right, for up to a late hour last night a five-seater Buick car, owned by Mr. Gault, has been where the police can not find it.

The detective force is baffled as to its whereabouts.

Miss Dorothy Gault drove the car downtown on Friday night with a party of friends to attend a performance at the Bijou Theatre. The car was left standing in the middle of a row of autos on Puuh street. As "East Lynne" progressed, the car disappeared.

Immediately upon finding that her car was missing, Miss Gault notified the police. All foot and mounted police officers were notified to be on the lookout for car No. 1417, and to arrest anyone found driving it.

When no trace of the car had been found yesterday morning, the outside police and deputy sheriffs were notified to keep a lookout on all country roads.

Not the Only One

Mr. Gault stated last night that he is not the only auto owner who has suffered this experience, as several well-known Honoluluans have had their cars stolen during the past month. In all of these instances the cars were recovered after several days' search, found hidden away in some unfrequented lane or in a gully in the hills about Honolulu. In most instances the cars were in a badly damaged and used-up condition when found.

MORGAN FINANCES RUSSIAN PURCHASES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

NEW YORK, January 17.—The banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. has loaned the Russian government \$25,000,000 for a period of ninety days, with interest at five per cent. The loan is repaid for an additional ninety days. This transaction is purely a banking proposition, in order to finance the purchase of American supplies by Russia.

COFFMAN'S SQUADRON SAILS FOR SOUTH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

PORTLAND, January 17.—Admiral Coffman, aboard his flagship, the Virginia, sailed for Guantánamo yesterday. The Virginia is accompanied by the battleships New Jersey and Nebraska.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, January 16.—That the "through Americanization of Hawaii demands prompt action" is the declaration in a report of the commissioner general of immigration, Anthony Gambetti, which has just been made public.

Gambetti says that the "Americanization of Hawaii will never be accomplished under the present incomplete and haphazard methods. Conditions should be made such as to invite the proper kind of laborers from the American mainland, and laws should be enacted to enable them to remain. Acting less would be unfair to Hawaii."

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, January 17.—Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had a conference with President Wilson yesterday, urging upon him the advisability of favoring the Immigration Bill when it is presented for signature, and requesting his support of the passing of the Seaman's Bill and the bill to extend the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Law to interstate employes. He also urged the President to give his backing to the attempt to pass the bill to regulate convict labor.

Compers, interviewed after the conference, said that he found the President cordial and sympathetic.

ALLIES RESUME ADVANCE ON BOTH WINGS; FRENCH AGAIN ON OFFENSIVE IN ALSACE

**Basel Hears the Cannons Which Tell of
More Fighting In Germany--Reports Come
That Belgian Coast To Ostend Has Been
Evacuated--Fighting At Soissons Ceases**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

LONDON, January 17.—Unofficial reports received from the Continent yesterday indicate a renewal of the offensive by the Allies on each of their widely separated wings, in Alsace and in Flanders.

From Basel, Switzerland, comes a report that a great battle is being waged somewhere between the Swiss border and Altdorf. The fighting is so close to Basel that the steady roar of the cannon is very plainly heard, while the glare to be seen in the sky last night indicated that the artillery fire had set afire some of the Alsatian villages.

CLEARING OUT THE 'FOREIGNERS'

It is reported from Paris that orders have been issued denying the right of any foreigner, including Germans, to remain in those sections of Alsace under French control, after January 20.

ALLIES ADVANCE IN FLANDERS

In Flanders, according to a despatch from Ostend, which comes by way of Amsterdam, the Germans have been compelled to evacuate the Flemish coast dunes, leaving no troops in front of Nieuport and St. Georges as far north as Mariakerke, within four miles of Ostend.

The British ships have been menacing the German coast trenches, rendering those inland from Middelkerke untenable.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE STOPS

The German offensive before Soissons appears to have exhausted itself, no recent attempts to advance against the French entrenchments being manifested.

The German bulletin in Berlin today reports only minor successes.

Near Lys, according to the admission made by the French official bulletin, the Germans have recaptured several trenches previously lost and made some small gains in the Argonne region.

The French assert that their artillery has won some definite advantages near Carency, compelling the Germans to evacuate their trenches.

SNUBBING THE CONQUERORS

BRUSSELS, January 16.—All of the Belgians are giving the German soldiery the "silent treatment." Even the children avert their faces from the Germans and they cross the street when they see the Teutons approaching.

LONG WAY FROM THE HUB TO FIND HIS IDEAL HELPMATE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, January 17.—The navy department has announced the official list of the scores made by the various units of the Atlantic fleet in the 1914 target practice contests. The dreadnought North Dakota is declared the winner in the elimination big gun and torpedo tests, with a score of 60,518. The dreadnought Michigan was the lowest in the scoring, her mark being 21,963.

Among the torpederos, the Truxton, of the first division of the Pacific torpedo fleet, heads the list with a score of 77,889. The Gamin, attached to the sixth division of the Atlantic torpedo fleet, made the low score, being credited with 10,166 points.

Among the naval militia, the State of Illinois men made the best target, showing 31,738 points. North Carolina, District of Columbia and State of Washington came in the order named after the winner.

SCHOONER DRIVEN OFF AND WRECKED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, January 17.—The steamer Rio Tinto, which arrived yesterday from Hull, brought in the captain and the crew of the British schooner Arnold, which had been abandoned in the North Atlantic. The Arnold was bound from Portugal and was within sight of this harbor when she was struck by a gale and blown half way back across the Atlantic, losing her sails and rigging and becoming a hopeless wreck.

PRESIDENT THANKS WARLIKE SAMOANS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, January 17.—Commander J. M. Foye, U. S. N., who has been commissioned Governor of American Samoa, will take with him to his new post the personal thanks of the President to those Samoans who rendered their services to the American government as soldiers in the event of the invasion of Mexico being found necessary.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

**GLENROY GARRIED
HONOLULU RESERVES**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

VANCOUVER, January 17.—Nine members of the crew of the steamer Glenroy, who signed on at Honolulu, were given their discharge here when the vessel arrived yesterday. These Honoluluans are British reservists and left immediately for Montreal, to take ship for England, where they will join their regiments and ships.

A FORTY YEARS' TEST

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been curing coughs and colds for the past forty years and has gained in popularity every year. What better recommendation is required? For sale by all dealers, Boston, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

NORTH DAKOTA IS BANNER SHOOTING SHIP OF THE NAVY

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NO BAN ON COTTON SHIPMENTS TO ITALY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, January 17.—The Italian foreign office yesterday notified the American embassy in Rome, according to a dispatch to the state department, that cotton may be freely shipped "to order" to any Italian port. Cotton has been removed by the belligerents from the list of conditional contraband, and is being shipped direct to German ports in American carriers.

ROUMANIA CALLS STUDENTS TO COLORS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

PARIS, January 17.—Despatches to the Temps from Geneva report that Rumanian students in Berlin universities have received telegrams graphic orders from their government to report home for the mobilization of the Rumanian army.
